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As you know on August 5, while investigating the Gold King Mine in Colorado, an EPA site assessment team triggered a large release of mine wastewater into Cement Creek. EPA is working closely with responders, local, state and tribal officials to monitor the impacts of the release and develop a response plan. While we continue to investigate the root causes of last week's release of mining wastewater at the Gold King Mine in Colorado, this memo directs EPA Regional Superfund programs – both remedial and removal - to immediately cease any field remedial/removal assessment or investigation work at mines including tailings facilities. This request does not apply to work where we have constructed a remedy that addresses releases coming from mining or to sites where we are implementing a removal response. That work is to continue. Based on the outcome of our evaluation of the Gold King Mine release, we will determine what actions are necessary to avoid potential incidents at other sites. While we are putting a hold on existing field investigations and assessments at these mining sites, we also are requesting Regional Superfund Programs to identify existing sites where work is either ongoing or planned that have the potential to create a release similar to the Gold King Mine site to identify these sites. We are requesting regions provide complete the attached spreadsheet and provide this list of sites no later than August 19 and sooner if possible.

--- We will need a spreadsheet with the requisite data elements to go with this ---

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